

NATCHITOCHES HISTORIC DISTRICT

Roughly bounded by Second, Fourth, Jefferson, and Pavié Streets and Williams and College Avenues, Natchitoches

Established by the French in 1714 to promote trade with the Spanish and Indians, Natchitoches was named for a tribe living along the Red River. Located at the head of navigation, the city became an important link in pack train trails between Louisiana and Texas. A number of early French buildings of *bousillage* construction (posts with interstices filled with mud strengthened with Spanish moss) remain, as do buildings of later periods.